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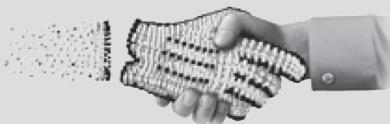
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Sad Chesney hounded out

HERE'S Corrie's Chesney Battersby-Brown running away from home after overhearing he is not wanted by his family.

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mum Cilla (Wendi Peters, 38) and his "uncle Les" (Bruce Jones, 53) after an almighty New Year spat.

He is seen wandering the streets with his dog Schmeichel until his distraught sister Fiz

(Jennie McAlpine, 22) finally finds him.

But frantic Fiz then crashes her scooter as she spots him.

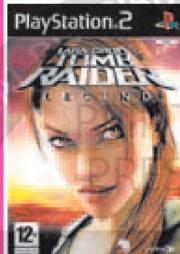
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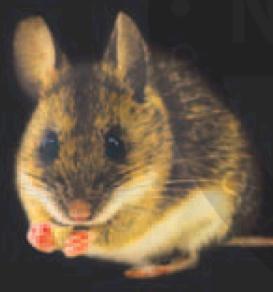
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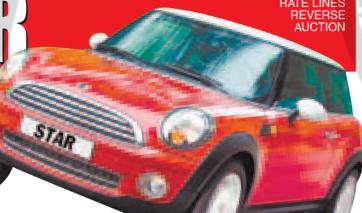
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The not gay, former Neighbours star plays a whopping 18 dates in May, kicking off on Friday 4 in Ipswich and concluding on Saturday 26 in Birmingham.

Sometimes I shed a little tear at the things this job compells me to publicise.

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KEEP an ear open for Little Barrie's album Stand Your Ground. It's best described as 1950s rock 'n' roll with a modern twist and an irresistible groove running through the whole LP. I've just played it three times straight.

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STAR LINE-UP: Amy

Now I'm revved up

ARCTIC'S PAL LANDS DEAL

REVEREND And The Makers are set to emulate the Arctic Monkeys during 2007.

Avid Hot readers will know that I've been banging on about The Rev for ages now – a man with a Gallagher-esque swagger.

He's a close mate of the Arctic Monkeys and his brother, 19-year-old **Chris McClure**, is the man on the cover of their chart-topping album Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not.

And now The Rev has finally signed a record deal.

Shunning the big-name boys, he's put pen to

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paper with trendy label Wall Of Sound. The Rev, real name **Jon McClure**, 24, said: "You do get tempted. In attempting to climb the mountain, it's easy to think, 'sod it, I'll get the cable lift, take the money and sell the soul'."

Since I first heard his work, Jon has scrapped everything, gone back to the drawing board and announced plans to launch the world's No.1 rock outfit.

He said: "I don't see the point if you don't think you can be amazing."

"When our eyes meet at the next gig, you can see what I'm thinking and decide for yourself whether or not we're the best band in the world."

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I'm choosing to ignore the whispers that Jon was responsible for many of the Monkeys' best songs.

All I will say is, the tunes I've heard are immense and loads of the Monkeys' fans are already well on his case.

With all these factors in effect, The Rev will be a big hit next year.

He concluded: "We've made a single. It's a banger. I wouldn't put my name to it otherwise."

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AMY'S AFRICA QUEEN

DAMON Albarn has roped in a series of stellar guests for a top secret African-themed gig next Wednesday.

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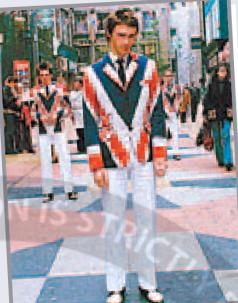
Tickets are like the proverbial gold-dust for the show in a top secret South London location.

But, head over to africaexpress.co.uk for a chance to snap up one of 50 pairs up for grabs.



Gwen's a hair raiser

GWEN Stefani has no fear of drawing attention to herself. So her current tune features her yodelling openly. She's also taken to sporting an over-the-top quiff. I like it myself. What's the point of getting dressed up if it doesn't irritate people? Fittingly, new single Wind It Up looks set to go straight into the Top 10 this weekend. Here's Gwen, 35, showing off her hair in New York at an MTV do.



MOD FOR IT: Jam in their prime

Game guy in town

THE Game flew into London to look rock-hard, spend money and play a sell-out gig.

With Irish bint **Samantha Mumba** in tow – you can guess why – the rapper did a bit of work promoting his big-selling album Doctor's Advocate and then spent a small fortune in Harvey Nichols.

I'm told: "He dropped £50,000 in the bling department and then bought a huge watch for even more money."

He may have a tattoo on his face, but if he looked at me wrongly... I'd be intimidated and hate myself for backing down immediately.

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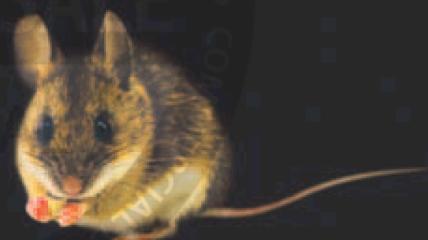
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Damon's on a virtual winner



■ by NADINE LINGE

HIP HOP star Damon Dash has launched his own networking website where users can make real cash.

Damon, 35, is the man behind blocksavvy.com where customers can live a virtual life under any identity.

Members can buy and sell rooms to live in and get to know others online – as well as making money for interacting on the web.

The SavvyDollars made translate to hard cash in the real world, with an expected exchange rate of about 250 to a US dollar.

Trends

Members decide which block they want to live in – such as a fashion district – and can choose anything from a trendy New York loft to a beachfront apartment.

SavvyDollars are used to buy stuff for the room, including clothes and gadgets.

Damon's pals, including Jade Jagger, 35, and Jackass wildman Steve-O, 32, are on the waiting list to buy a room.

A spokeswoman for Damon said: "It's a great way to check on youth trends and see what people are into and also a way to get to know other users who like the same things."

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CAUGHT IN THE NET: Jade Jagger

EARNER:
Steve-O
is keen on
the site
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FAIR COP FOR CELEBS



TV STARS will be transformed into gun-toting cops in a bizarre new reality show.

Jack Osbourne, 21, and ex-CHIPS' actor Erik Estrada, 57, will be among the celebs in Armed And Famous.

They'll be instructed on how to use guns before being sent on patrol in Muncie, Indiana.

But an insider said: "Muncie is a nice peaceful town and there's not a lot of crime."

GUNMAN: Jack

Bourn to be geeky

THE seaside resort of Bournemouth has been crowned as nerdiest town in Britain.

Bournemouth, which pipped Reading for the title, was found to have the the most chess clubs, model shops, stamp collecting services and computer game outlets in the UK, in a survey by Locallife.co.uk.

Locallife chairman Tony Martin said: "Anyone who is familiar with Bournemouth's nickname, God's Waiting Room, will know that it is far from the most exciting place in Britain."

SALMA'S BEST IN BUFF!



LATIN lovely Salma Hayek, 40, has scooped 2006's Best Nude Scene award for her romp with Irish heart-throb Colin Farrell in Ask The Dust.

Gretchen Mol, 34, came second in the Internet poll – compiled by nude scene expert Mr Skin – for her lead role in The Notorious Bettie Page.

Brittany Daniel, 30, was third for her romp in thriller Rampage: The Hillside Strangler Murders.

HOT ROMP: Salma

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PAT'S BIGAMY SHOCK



SOAP star Patrick Mower has discovered that his late father Archie was a bigamist with a second family.

The secret came out when Emmerdale actor Patrick, 66, filmed BBC Wales family tree show Coming Home, to be screened next week.

He's now met a host of new relatives and said: "I wish I'd known 60 years ago."

SECRET: Patrick

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Prince and the glow girl

LOVEBIRDS Prince William and Kate Middleton were all aglow as they cuddled up in a cab after a night out clubbing.

The couple, both 24, are widely expected to get engaged.

And, earlier, it certainly looked as if they had a special secret to share as they joined William's stepbrother Tom Parker Bowles, 31, and his new wife Sara, 32, at the exclusive Mahiki club in London.

One onlooker at the club, a favourite of stars like Girls Aloud,

■ by NADINE LINGE

said: "William and Kate looked totally loved up and were giggling like a couple of schoolkids. They obviously had a great night together."

Judging by William's cheeky grin, he might also have been looking forward to an advance peek at his Christmas gifts from Kate.

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The Little Britain star, 32, plays big-headed Toad of Toad Hall, who gets all stroppy after crashing his flash motor.

And there's worse to come for him – he ends up in jail in the classic tale by Kenneth Grahame.

Matt is joined in the show by screen veteran Bob Hoskins, 64, as grumpy Badger; League Of Gentlemen star Mark Gatiss, 40, as Ratty and Lee Ingleby, 30, as Mole.

Shot in Romania, it is set to be one of the highlights of the BBC's Christmas schedule – although bosses have yet to reveal when it will be shown.

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GETTING THE WIND UP: Matt as dodgy driver Toad and, left, Bob Hoskins as Badger

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